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¶1. We provided MFA Nonproliferation and Disarmament Section Chief Mustafa Yurdakul February 5 with information regarding the April 20-22 Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) Model Guidelines Document (MGD) Follow-on Workshop (reftel), and encouraged Turkey to send participants and to lead one of the breakout sessions at the workshop.

¶2. Yurdakul expressed Turkey's support for international cooperation to prevent nuclear terrorism, but noted Turkey's well-known reluctance to engage in GICNT-related activities (Note: Due to the participation of Cyprus. End Note). He said he was not optimistic that Turkey will send participants.

¶3. We underscored the technical nature of this workshop and noted that Turkey may find the discussion on developing a model guideline useful. Yurdakul acknowledged that Turkey is not opposed to sending experts to participate in technical meetings within the framework of GICNT and agreed to relay the information to relevant GOT offices for further consideration.

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